

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly amend the specification with the following:

Kindly amend page 1, line 27 as follows:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Person identification plays an important role in our everyday life. We know how to identify a person from a very young age. With the extensive use of video cameras, there is an increased need for automatic person identification from video data. For example, almost every department store in the US has a surveillance camera system. There is a need to identify, e.g., criminals or other persons from a large video set. However manually searching the video set is a time-consuming and expensive process. A means for automatic person identification in large video archives ~~is need~~ are needed for such purposes.